

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on January 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 246, 1/18/2017; HB 251, 1/18/2017; HB 262, 1/18/2017; HB 273, 1/18/2017

HEARING ON HB 246**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:03 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 246, Revise handgun laws pertaining to federal property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:36 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)
00:09:18 Rep. Berglee

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:25 Roxanne Weikel, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
00:11:29 Rachael Carroll Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network

EXHIBIT(juh17a01)

00:12:48 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs and Police (MACOP)
00:15:00 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:51 Rep. Wagoner
00:17:47 Mark Murphy, MACP
00:18:20 Rep. Wagoner
00:18:39 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:19:04 Rep. Usher
00:19:33 Rep. Brodehl
00:20:40 Rep. McConnell
00:21:14 Rep. Brodehl
00:24:05 Rep. Morigeau
00:26:22 Chair Doane
00:26:28 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:27:04 Vice Chair Court
00:27:16 Rep. Brodehl
00:29:48 Rep. Usher
00:30:00 Rep. B. Brown
00:31:07 Gary Marbut, MSSA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:20 Rep. Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 251**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:59 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 251, Remove certain items from conceal carry laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:14 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:59 Carin McClain, Montana's Credit Unions

00:41:08 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs and Police (MACOP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:13 Rep. Wagoner

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:10 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 262, Generally revise concealed carry regulations for legal gun owners.

[EXHIBIT\(juh17a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh17a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh17a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:58 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:54 Roxanne Weikel, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

01:00:56 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh17a05\)](#)

01:03:28 Samara Sant, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

01:06:37 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:08:24 Marlene Simms, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

01:10:53 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

01:13:38 Rachael Carroll Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network

01:16:54 Don Jones, Montana Education Association- Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:57 Rep. Kelker

01:19:30 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs and Police

01:21:46 Rep. C. Knudsen

01:22:35 Dave Galt, MSPOA

01:23:38 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

01:24:16 Don Jones, MEA-MFT

01:25:18 Chair Doane

01:25:34 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association

01:27:13 Rep. McConnell

01:27:43 Dave Galt, MSPOA

01:28:24 Vice Chair Berglee
01:28:47 Dave Galt, MSPOA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:35 Rep. Harris

01:35:09 Recess

01:43:52 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:20 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 273, Generally revise
concealed weapons laws.

[EXHIBIT\(juh17a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:25 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association

01:50:46 Garret Bacon, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:33 Rep. Usher

Committee Business:

01:52:53 Rep. Eck

01:53:09 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:53:32 Chair Doane

01:53:41 Rep. Eck

01:53:36 Chair Doane

01:54:08 Rep. Eck

01:54:13 Helen Thigpen, LSD

01:54:21 Vice Chair Court

01:54:25 Chair Doane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:54:46

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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